

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as shown:

Please delete the paragraph on page 25, line 26, through page 26, line 2, and replace it with the following paragraph:

--From the disclosures discussed above, as summarised in WO97/12912, it has been concluded that essential to the membrane translocating properties of the homeodomain peptides, is the presence of a tryptophan residue as the sixth residue from the amino terminus. Conforming to these requirements has been a penetratin variant of the formula (KWKK)₄ (SEQ ID NO: 14) which has been described as having translocating ability that discloses a number of branched membrane translocating peptides such as (KWKK)₂KGGC (SEQ ID NO: 15), wherein each KWKK (SEQ ID NO: 16) is joined to the following lysine residue.--